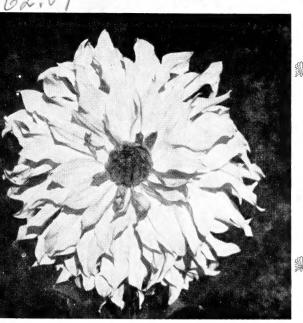
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**TERMS**—CASH WITH ORDER or before date of shipment. On retail orders for California delivery 3% Sales Tax should be added to the amount to comply with the Sales Tax Law. We guarantee that all roots sent are true to name and in good growing condition, but beyond this assume no responsibility. All orders are accepted with this provision.

### EXPLANATION OF TYPES -

- Informal Decorative (I.D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually long irregular petals.
- Formal Decorative (F.D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals.
- Cactus (C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, and rolled at least half their length.
- Semi-Cactus (S.C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.

### **OUR NEW INTRODUCTION FOR 1952**

(Illustrated on front cover)



### **OUR 1951 INTRODUCTIONS**

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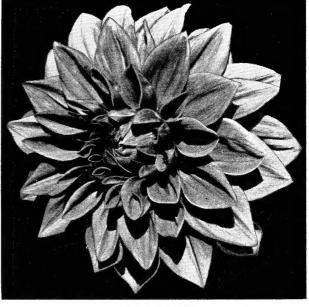
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**BEAU BRILLIANT**—I.D. Bright carmine. A truly brilliant color that is impressive both in the garden and show room. It is a large full flower, a profuse bloomer, and the plant growth is all that can be desired. Seems to thrive under all weather conditions \$2.00

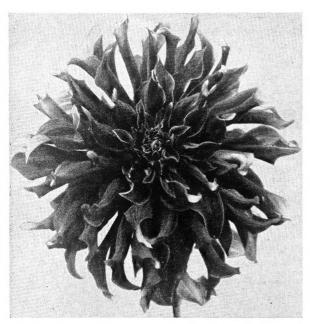




GOVERNOR WARREN

CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL

	GOVERNOR WARREN CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL
	CALIFORNIA IDOL—I.D. Lemon yellow. Famous the world over. A very large flower with ideal habits that is seldom surpassed either for garden performance or for exhibition. One of the truly great dahlias\$1.00
V	<b>CALIFORNIA PAGEANT</b> —I.D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. Strong, straight stems hold the well-formed blooms facing perfectly. Highest scoring dahlia at Storrs in 1946. Three blooms on one plant at the same time measured 13 x 8 inches
	CALIFORNIA ROSE—I.D. Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall growing. Has been described as a good keeper when cut
	CATALINA—S.C. Bright rose red of the American Beauty shade. Fairly large flower most brilliantly colored that blooms early and most freely over a long period. Well branched plant of medium height
	<b>CONFUCIUS</b> —S.C. Chinese red (bright coral red). This very striking dahlia is a real giant with many winnings to its credit. Few dahlias have achieved greater popularity and it doubtless ranks with the very best
	DOROTHY LAMOUR—Str. Cac. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. This is a distinctive variety that is much in demand
	DRESDEN—I.D. Clear pink lavender. An uncommon color and very pleasing. A grand old dahlia\$1.00
100	<b>ESPLENDIDO</b> —I.C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of a most attractive and unusual color. Very tall, strong growing and an abundant producer of fine blooms. One of the best cactus in commerce
	<b>EVELYN CHANDLER</b> —S.C. Golden apricot. A spectacular flower of fine coloring and great size. It has been a consistent winner in numerous shows, sometimes as largest bloom





NINA WARREN

FRIEDA GAYLORD

always good......\$2.00 FIRST LADY—I.D. Yellow shaded orange. Large flower of fine form. Strong grower with attractive foliage and stems holding the blooms well above the plant. A very good variety. \$2.00 FORTY-NINER—S.C. Bright yellow. A huge semi-cactus with all petals definitely incurved. Well-branched, free blooming plant with ornamental foliage. A FRIEDA GAYLORD—I.D. Rosy pink slightly shaded with gold. A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size and vigor. Will produce very large blooms through the whole season, some as large as 15 inches in diameter. Has won a number of major prizes in the leading shows in different parts of the country the past year. That it is one of the truly great dahlias of all time is our candid opinion. \$2.50 GALA CALIFORNIA—I.C. Scarlet orange. One of the best cactus. Attracts attention because of the bright unusual color. It will supply many fine blooms GAYLORD BALLAY—I.D. Pure white. A giant white that has created a great sensation. Superlative size, vigorous, tall growing. Large, pure white that is

**FAVORITA**—I.C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus. The outer petals of this true type cactus fold well back to the stem. Bloom is of good size and stem is

winning in strong competition \$2.50





CALIFORNIA PAGEANT FORTY-NINER
<b>GRANDEE</b> —I.D. Light red shaded orange yellow. Noticeable because of its great size. Plant growth rather sparse
HIGHLANDER—I.D. Scarlet-pink with a lighter reverse to the petals. A bright new shade of pink sometimes called "watermelon." Artistically formed bloom on long, strong stems. A continuous performer. New 1948\$3.50
JOSEPH B. LANKTREE—I.D. Bright red without shadings. A champion prize winner in California. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Continues until the end of the season. Outstanding in its class
<b>KING OF THE WHITES</b> —I.D. Clear glistening white. This striking new white is exactly what the name implies. Very large and full with fine stems and a sturdy plant. Is not soiled by heat or moisture. We have received excellent reports from many places the past season. New 1949
<b>LELAND STANFORD</b> —I.D. Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds. Does not fade and will withstand difficult conditions. Large size, robust grower\$1.00
MAGNA CHARTA—I.D. Deep old rose. Charming flower of rare color. Will grow large on a long cane-like stem. Clean sturdy bush growth. Has not shown any faults or failings
MAESTRO—S.C. Purple cerise. A richly-colored large flower of remarkable substance and most pleasing appearance. All good qualities and highly recommended
MAYFAIR—I.D. True bright pink with a white center. Unusual form with laciniated petals and most artistic. Fairly large size with lots of color appeal. Good habits. New 1949
MISS GLORY—S.C. Apricot-yellow. A refined flower of large size and excellent form. Well known and popular. One of the best in its class

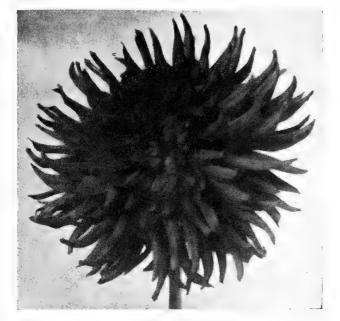




BUTTERFLY

HIGHLANDER

**NINA WARREN**—S.C. Bright rosy purple. At last a nice new purple semi-cactus of large size. The rather tall plant is a mass of blooms all season. Will thrive in warm weather and is not improved by shading or covering. Named for the wife of the Governor of California who called it her favorite color. New 1950.......**\$5.00** 





ALCAZAR

NIGHTINGALE

YANKEE DOODLE—I.D. Fuchsia purple with crimson shadings. Giant size, rare coloring, good habits. An ideal exhibition dahlia. Not particularly recommended for climates where the summers are extremely hot and dry............\$2.50

### GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

(Name in parenthesis is that of the introducer. In the case of foreign dahlias the name of the country is given.)

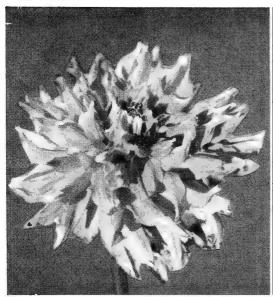
AMOS KIRBY—I.D. (Johnson.) Rich reddish purple. Very large free blooming variety on stiff slender stems. Strong plant with good foliage.......................\$2.50

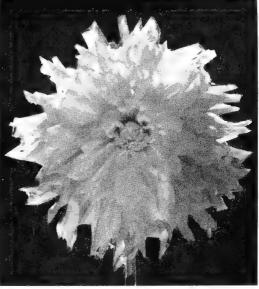




SAVINA CATALINA

ATOMIC YELLOW—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Canary yellow. Largest yellow semicactus. Truly massive blooms on strong stems. Good grower. No dahlia fan passes this one by
<b>ALL AMERICAN</b> —S.C. (Salem.) Mulberry rose. A true semi-cactus of good form, unusual color and large size. Very desirable for all purposes
AMELIA EARHART—S.C. (Cordes.) Apricot buff with salmon shadings. One of the best of the older varieties because of the richly colored blooms of large size held facing on a good stem
AXFORD TRIUMPH—I.D. (Australia.) Bronze and tan. A new variety of large size that is a robust grower with excellent habits
BETTE DAVIS—S.C. (Cordes.) Lavender rose. Medium sized flower that is very pleasing and useful. Prolific bloomer
BETTY STAKER—I.D. (Australia.) Dull gold with rose shadings. A massive flower and a beautiful color. Very impressive in the garden
BILL'S GOLD—I.D. (Australia.) Bright old gold. One of the best of its color and an all-around fine dahlia. Very large, good grower, good stems\$2.00
BLACK MONARCH—I.D. (Rocky River.) Very dark red. Strong grower and free bloomer. Large and interesting because of its color. Improved by shading
<b>BLUE GALILEE</b> —S.C. (Rees.) Violet rose with the violet shade quite pronounced. True semi-cactus of good size. The rather low growing plant produces many blooms throughout the season on good stems
BLUE RIVER—I.D. (Salem.) Bluish-lavender. As near to blue as we have in dahlias. Always attracts attention. Good size





JOSEPH B. LANKTREE

FIRST LADY

,
<b>CARDINAL</b> —I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Bright red. Well shaped large bloom inclined at times to semi-cactus form. Grows tall and strong on good stems
CARL G. DAHL—I.D. (Scott.) Old rose and gold. A consistent winner as largest bloom. Petals are broad and well placed and have good substance\$2.00
CLARA CARDER—I.D. (Australia.) Cyclamen pink. A new and pleasing color, fine form. Has capacity for great size. Prefers cool weather
CHAS. L. MASTICK—F.D. (Mastick.) Glistening orange shading darker toward the center. A perfect formal decorative especially good for cutting. One of the best in its class
<b>CONQUEROR</b> —S.C. (Holland.) Clear sulphur yellow. Well-formed clean-cut flower of fairly large size and good stems. A useful and beautiful variety\$2.50
COL. LITTLE—I.D. (Ambrose.) Scarlet-orange. Very brilliant coloring. Large flower, blooms freely, stem good
CORNELL—I.D. (Parrella.) Deep red tipped white. A fair-sized bi-color with good markings. Good grower but not a free bloomer\$2.00
COMMANDO—F.D. (Golden Rule.) Phlox purple. Vividly colored bloom, large and attractive. A formal in a new color
<b>CROYDEN ELITE</b> —I.D. (Australia.) Bright yellow with a slight reddish suffusion especially at center of the flower. A fine, large dahlia of exquisite form. Strong growing plant that produces many blooms on first-class stems
<b>DAHLIAMUM</b> —I.D. (Chemar.) Bronze gold. Very large flower, carried on top of a strong stem, that looks like a shaggy chrysanthemum
DARCY SAINSBURY—F.D. (Australia.) White. Large, full flower that is considered by many the best white formal to date. A white that will stand the weather. Good grower——\$1.00

DIXIE'S WINE DOT—I.D. (Dixie.) White ground striped and splashed wine red. Something new and good. A most unusual variegated dahlia of very large size and sturdy growth
EDNA D.—S.C. (Rocky River.) Deep rose red. Large, well-formed bloom on long stems. Fine for exhibition. New \$3.50
<b>EVENTIDE</b> —I.D. (Bissell.) True purple. Fairly large flowers of unusual form, each petal being notched and slightly twirled. Nice plant with dark foliage\$2.00
EL RUBIO—I.D. (Redfern.) Wine red. Very large bold flower. Plant growth extremely rugged. A late bloomer and one of the most attractive in the garden in the late fall
ESSIE SMITH—I.D. (Smith.) Lavender pink. Large deep flower. Strong grower with good habits
FIVE-STAR GENERAL—F.D. (Ruschmohr.) Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large, well formed and a good grower. A 1946 introduction that impressed all visitors
FLASH—S.C. (Salem.) Scarlet tipped white. A striking bi-color of medium size. A good seller and scarce
FREDA GEORGE—I.D. (Australia.) Creamy pink with shadings of rose. Delicately colored flower with excellent qualities. Nice size
GALAXY—I.C. (England.) Yellow striped and splashed with red. A very interesting and satisfactory cactus. Flowers are full and well formed. Plant is tall and sturdy
GAY KNIGHT—I.D. (Australia.) Bright red suffused gold. This brightly colored bloom is extra large and held straight up on a perfect stem. One of the largest and best from Australia
GLAMOUR—I.D. (Salem.) Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering and is a consistent winner in the shows. Color, form and habits are all good
GOLDEN STANDARD—I.C. (Downs.) Amber buff. Large exhibition cactus.  Good grower and excellent keeper
GOLDEN TREASURE—F.D. (Rocky River.) Golden amber. True formal of fine coloring and general habits. Medium size
GOULBURN—I.C. (Australia.) Yellow shading to apricot. A true cactus of large size. Outstanding in its class with great possibilities in the showroom\$2.50
<b>GREATER GLORY</b> —S.C. (Salem.) Rose pink shading to cream. Large well-formed flower on a tall plant. A valuable addition to the semi-cactus class\$1.00
GUNYAH GLORY—S.C. (Australia.) Royal purple. We have nothing else exactly like it in color. Big, tall-growing semi-cactus that is much admired by visitors. Outstanding
HULIN'S MELODY—S.C. (Hulin.) Pale gold with mauve shadings. Fine bloom of good size in an odd color combination. Grows strong and blooms abundantly.

flower with broad petals and great depth. Plant is rugged and of medium height with rather short stems
INDIAN GIANT—I.D. (Emmons.) Reddish apricot. Very large exhibition variety. Plants are low and bushy and continue to produce fine blooms over a long period. Color is different and much admired
IVORY PRINCESS—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Ivory white. Large, well-formed flower of an unusual shade. Strong grower with good stems
JANE LAUSCHE—S.C. (Rocky River.) Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a new combination of color and an all-around good dahlia. It was a big prize winner in its introductory year. A novelty of real merit
<b>KEMP'S GOLDEN JUPITER</b> —I.C. Golden yellow shading to orange on outer petals. Tall, strong grower producing many fine blooms throughout the season. New and good
<b>KEMP'S PURPLE TRIUMPH</b> —I.D. Deep purple. Good sized flower on plant of medium height. Good producer both as to blooms and roots
<b>KELVIN</b> —I.D. (Australia.) Rosy pink with a suggestion of yellow. Exceptionally fine variety of great size and all good qualities. We had trouble in getting vigorous stock of this great favorite. Stock is limited so our price is high\$5.00
KING SIZE—I.C. (Johnson.) Bright red. Produces many fine blooms throughout the season on long stems. Large size for a cactus
<b>KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD</b> —I.D. (Rocky River.) Bright gold with a reddish suffusion. First blooms are very large. Stems are long and strong. An early bloomer\$2.50
LILAC GIANT—S.C. (Salem.) Pinkish lilac. A dahlia of tremendous size. Low growing plant but stems are sufficiently long. Best semi-cactus in this shade
LOUISE—S.C. (Australia.) Creamy white. Very satisfactory dahlia that resembles Mother's Day to some extent but has a better stem. Large flower on an excellent growing plant\$2.50
LYNNE FONTANNE—S.C. (Parrella.) Light red. Very large and full. Improves as the season advances. Winner of many prizes as largest bloom\$2.00
MAFFIE—S.C. (Johnson.) Carmine red. Truly spectacular. First blooms are extremely large and have frequently won as largest in the show. Tall, open grower
MARION SMITH—I.D. (Australia.) Clear pink. The large graceful blooms fairly cover the sturdy plant of medium height. A charming color and a first-class dahlia in every way
MARGRACE—I.D. (Bissell.) Bright red lightly tipped gold. The large long-stemmed blooms are freely produced through the whole season
MARY RETZER—I.D. (Retzer.) Clear lavender. A clean crisp flower of fairly large size. Fine growing habits. Good
MONARCH OF THE EAST—I.D. (Almy.) Bright golden apricot. Giant flowers borne profusely on a rampant growing bush. Colorful

MOTHER'S DAY—I.D. (Australia.) Creamy white. Beautifully shaped blooms of great size. Stem stalks are very tall and sometimes need support\$2.00
MRS. E. J.—St. C. (Rocky River.) Bright pink. Small flower of excellent form and color. Good substance and most free in blooming
MRS. HESTER PAPE—I.D. (Rocky River.) Reddish purple. Popular introduction of rich coloring. Large, sturdy, attractive. A big winner in the shows\$3.50
MRS. THOMAS EDISON—I.D. (Chautauqua.) Ruby red, with silver reverse. Outstanding color effect. Flower can be grown to good size and is always a bright spot in the garden
MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE—I.D. (Success.) Deep red. This dahlia is naturally large and can be grown to great proportions. Has been a contender in the largest class for many years. Strong grower with good stems
NANCY C. SCHARHAG—I.D. (Sunset.) Mallow pink striped and splashed wine purple. A sport of Dixie's Wine Dot which it very much resembles in everything but color. Very reliable
NIRWANA—I.C. (Holland.) Yellow and salmon. Beautiful new cactus. Flowers profusely and has strong straight stems
OAKLEIGH CHAMPION—C. (Oakleigh.) Orange and pink with yellow shadings at base of petals. Large cactus of excellent form on strong long stems. A real pleasure to grow. Outstanding. New\$2.50
OGDEN REID—I.D. (Parrella.) Old rose with slight golden suffusion. Large exhibition bloom on long slender stem. Blooms profusely
PACIFIC ROSE—I.D. (Thompson.) Deep rose pink. Fine large variety that is popular in California and a winner at the shows. Medium height with all good growing habits. Recommended
<b>PEARL HARBOR</b> —I.D. (Dixie.) Lavender striped and splashed deep red. A very pretty variegated dahlia of good size. Habits satisfactory
PHYLLIS KNIGHT—I.D. (Australia.) Salmon rose. Very large size. Fine color and all good qualities except that an occasional bloom may come with a coarse center. Popular
<b>PINK AMELIA</b> —S.C. (Edison.) Rose pink. A remarkable sport of Amelia Earhart with all the good points of the parent variety. Good texture and erect stem\$1.50
PINK GIANT—I.D. (Holland.) True pink. This is hardly a giant according to the American idea but it is large enough for all general purposes. The color is impressive and it has achieved popularity in this country
POET'S DREAM—I.D. (Salem.) Shell pink or possibly soft apple blossom pink. Extraordinary as to color and size and of most beautiful formation. This would be one of the finest dahlias if it had a better stem
PREMIER'S WINSOME—I.D. (Premier.) Soft pink with rose shadings. Good form and substance and good grower. Unusual color
<b>REAL GLORY</b> —F.D. (Stephenson.) Pure white. A clear glistening white of fine form and extra good substance. Good grower and free bloomer. Unsurpassed in its class

RITA WELLS—I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Pale rose and buff. Very large early flowering variety. Excellent growing qualities
ROSE OF SHARON—I.C. (Rees.) Blend of pink and yellow. Perfectly formed blooms on fine stems. New and scarce
RUBY LOXTON—I.D. (Australia.) Bright rose. Large well-colored flower. Blooms early and freely on a strong vigorous plant
<b>SALEM SUNSHINE</b> —I.D. (Salem.) Bright yellow. Another very large yellow. Bush is low but stems are long and wiry and hold the magnificent bloom upright. Is not temperamental as to weather
SHERWOOD'S PEACH—I.D. (Ruschmohr.) Apricot buff. Very large size, beautiful color, vigorous grower
SILVER GLAMOUR—I.D. (Golden Rule.) Rosy purple with petals suffused and edged with white. Quite similar to the original Glamour in everything but color. Spectacular \$3.50
<b>SOUTHERN ROSE</b> —I.D. (Dozier.) Bright rose pink. Large and attractive both for garden or exhibition. Strong grower and good bloomer
ST. THERESA—I.C. (Holland.) Pale pink with white center. Dainty flower of true pastel coloring. Stem strong and straight
STEPHEN FOSTER—I.C. (Salem.) Golden buff suffused orange. Tall, strong plant producing many well-formed flowers of large size. A valuable addition to the cactus class
<b>SUNBURST</b> —F.D. (Smith.) Golden yellow. Giant blooms freely produced on a strong vigorous plant. A first-class new yellow
SKYROCKET—S.C. (Ruschmohr.) Clear vermillion red. Very brilliantly colored bloom of excellent formation. Very long stems hold the flower in good position. \$2.50
TOPFLIGHT—S.C. (Dozier.) Bright crimson. Fine large red that does not fade. Perfect formation. Long straight stem. Tall grower
<b>TOPS</b> —I.D. (Dozier.) Bright yellow. A true giant in the most pleasing shade of yellow. Has good depth and is well formed. Never fails to attract attention \$2.00
TOWN TOPIC—F.D. (Hulin.) Bright purple sometimes tipped white. Full, well-built flower on a long strong stem. A nice variety
TROJAN—I.D. (Salem.) Deep red with yellow reverse. Color will vary from deep red to almost orange in flowers on the same bush. All are large and well supported by good stems
WAKE ISLAND—S.C. (Hulin.) Deep bright red. A nice large flower of most attractive coloring. Blooms freely on a strong, shapely plant
WORLD EVENT—I.D. (Dixie.) Deep rose pink. Large flower of pleasing formation held on a good straight stem. We like this dahlia very much as it grows in our garden
YOTO—I.D. (Japan.) Amber yellow with shadings of pink. Very large flower with petals twisted and curled. Rugged grower with all good habits\$1.50

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### CARE OF DAHLIAS

(in California)

Plant dahlia roots in May. Have the soil dug deep and well worked beforehand. Place a stake at each place, dig a hole deep enough so that the root can be covered 4 or 5 inches, and leave a wide basin 2 or 3 inches deep for watering. Lay roots flat, never on end. Plant  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet apart. Water well as soon as planted and about once a week until plants are well above ground. Irrigate thoroughly about twice a week when plants are growing strong and blooming. If plants are topped when about a foot high it will cause them to branch and make a sturdier growth. Larger blooms and better stems may be had by disbudding. Leave large center bud and take off small side buds and sprouts above leaves for 2 or 3 joints. Use fertilizer sparingly. The time to fertilize is when plants are topped. Spray with a nicotine or other garden spray to prevent leaf pests the same as for other garden plants. Use ant poisons to keep ants from the patch. Dust with sulphur to control mildew. For a long season of bloom keep old flowers with foliage cut off and be sure to keep well watered at all times. Dahlias like an open, sunny location away from the roots of trees and shrubs. Do not dig clumps until about the first of the year, leave soil on them, and store in a dry, frost-proof shed. Cut off dry stalks, stack together and cover with old bags or something of the kind. Wash and divide carefully at planting time.

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